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MEMORANDUM FOR: Roger Robinson
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FROM: Maurice C. Ernst
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SUBJECT: Information of Strategic Oil and Gas Equipment

1. Per our conversation, we have reviewed the memo from Ken deGraffenreid to Bob Gates requesting information relevant to US strategic oil and gas policy.

2. We intend to provide you by 16 December a brief perspective on Soviet need for Western oil and gas equipment; a matrix outlining the 11 hardware items being proposed to the allies for COCOM controls including their application, military significance, and non-COCOM availability; and an update on the Barents Sea project.

3. A broader paper on Soviet oil and gas equipment and the USSR's dependence on the West for oil and gas equipment and technology is being prepared for the NATO Econads meeting on energy in February. It should be available in mid-January.

4. Please call me if you have any additional suggestions.


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